

# NATIONAL STEEL CAR BALLAST HOPPER



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Order Deadline: **FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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Single Car **\$59.95 US / \$74.95 CAD**

3-Pack **\$179.85 US / \$224.85 CAD**

6-Pack **\$359.70 US / \$449.70 CAD**



Ballast! A commodity that is rarely discussed yet plays a pivotal part in the upkeep of any railroad's infrastructure. Many railroads simply used older open-top hoppers to carry and "dump" ballast along their right-of-ways. In the mid-1970s, National Steel Car (NSC) designed and developed a welded open-top hopper specifically for ballast service, complete with four bottom chutes to spread the rocks along the rails. CN and CP purchased these cars in volumes, both directly and under the 1978 Government of Canada Branch Line Rehabilitation Program. Fleet numbers were also an identifier of these cars as well as their Branch Line Rehabilitation stencil and many continue to wear those to this day.

Similar cars could be found on many American roads, wearing a wide variety of paint schemes and graphics. We even included three generic colors for you to make into your freelance road or another railroad that used these cars!

## The NSC Ballast Hopper features:

- Removable ballast load
- Diecast frame
- Separate metal grab irons installed at the factory
- Coupler cutbars and airhoses
- Metal wheels
- Semi-scale, metal couplers
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Multiple road numbers available for each scheme
- Available in singles or multi-packs (Dealers must order multi-packs)
- Multi-packs boxed for individual sale

\* Decorated cars have three or six individual car numbers depending on paint scheme. These will be available as either a six pack or single car (six individual car that are **easily broken up for individual sale**).

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## Canadian National



Era: 1976+

Item #  
Single Car 158013A

Item #  
6-Pack 158013

Road #  
302315, 302359, 302450, 302507, 302544, 302588  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

## Canadian National Government of Canada Branchline Program



Era: 1978+

Item #  
Single Car 158014A

Item #  
6-Pack 158014

Road #  
90214, 90260, 90331, 90379, 90424, 90466  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

## CP Rail



Era: Nov 1984+

Item #  
Single Car 158015A

Item #  
6-Pack 158015

Road #  
457150, 457174, 457192, 457208, 457239, 457287  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

## CP Rail Government of Canada Branchline Program



Era: 1978+

Item #  
Single Car 158016A

Item #  
6-Pack 158016

Road #  
456228, 456241, 456260, 456277, 456282, 456297  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

## BC Rail - Early



Era: 1977+

Item #  
Single Car 158017A

Item #  
6-Pack 158017

Road #  
2801, 2810, 2828, 2833, 2840, 2865  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

**NEW  
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## Amtrak® - Lime Green



Era: 2010s+

Item #  
Single Car 158018A

Item #  
6-Pack 158018

Road #  
11918, 11923, 11927, 11931, 11937, 11942  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

## CSX



Era: 1990s+

Item #  
Single Car 158019A

Item #  
3-Pack 158019

Road #  
965548, 965564, 965588  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

**NEW  
SCHEME!**

## Herzog - Late



Era: 2000s+

Item #  
Single Car 158020A

Item #  
6-Pack 158020

Road #  
6302, 6311, 6329, 6337, 6364, 6395  
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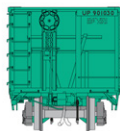


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## Union Pacific - Early



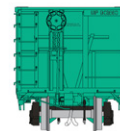
Era: Nov 1976+

Item #  
Single Car  
158021A

Item #  
3-Pack  
158021

Road #  
901030, 901049, 901065  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

## Union Pacific - Late



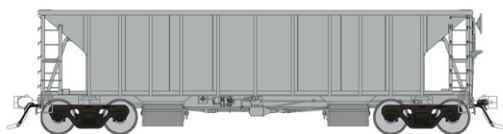
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Item #  
Single Car  
158022A

Item #  
3-Pack  
158022

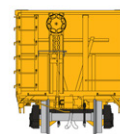
Road #  
919660, 919676, 919691  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

## Silver - Unlettered



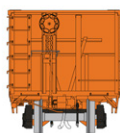
Item #  
Single Car  
158097

## Yellow - Unlettered



Item #  
Single Car  
158098

## Orange - Unlettered



Item #  
Single Car  
158099

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